



# City of Alexandria, VA

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## eNews

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

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Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities programs and activities' announcement for the month of September 2009:

Community & Special Events  
Farmers' Markets  
Out of School Time Programs  
Arts in Alexandria  
Youth Sports  
Commission & Committee Meetings

For additional information, visit [alexandriava.gov/recreation](http://alexandriava.gov/recreation) or call 703.746.4343.

### **COMMUNITY & SPECIAL EVENTS**

September 3

#### **First Thursdays**

Mt. Vernon Ave. from Bellefonte to Hume Ave. from 6-9 pm

Sponsor: Delray Business Association

For information, call Carol Bailey at 703.683.3560 or email [baileyctr@comcast.net](mailto:baileyctr@comcast.net)

September 8

#### **Annual Doggie Day Swim**

Old Town Pool, 1609 Cameron St. from 4-7 pm

A celebration of the end of the pool season for dogs and their owners. Old Town Pool will remain open for dogs only to swim and play. There is a nominal fee for dog admission. Proceeds benefit the Alexandria Welfare League. Note: Bring your own doggie dish for water. Dog handlers must be 16 or older. All dogs should wear current vaccination tags or proof of vaccinations must be shown. For additional information call 703.519.2160.

September 12-13

#### **Alexandria Festival of the Arts**

Old Town from Washington St. to the unit block of King St. on Sat from 10 am-7 pm and Sun from 10 am-5 pm

Special Performance by Swing Command, Market Square, 301 King St. at 5:30 pm on Saturday, September 12

Cosponsors: City of Alexandria and Howard Allen Productions

For information, call the Alexandria Commission of the Arts at 703.838.6348.

September 13

**Old Town Doggie Walk**

Old Town area (orderly sidewalk walk) from 9-11 am

Sponsor: Old Town School for Dogs

For information, call Robert Mahoney at 703.836.7643 or email [bobby@capitol-heel.com](mailto:bobby@capitol-heel.com)

September 14

**Supper Under the Stars**

King Street Gardens Park. 1806 King St. at 5:30 pm

Sponsor: Old Town Professional Business Association

For information, call David Martin at 703.683.0333 or email [david@goldworksusa.com](mailto:david@goldworksusa.com)

September 19

**New Orleans Re-birth 5k**

Oronoco Bay Park, 100 Madison St. from 9 am–noon

Sponsor: Pacers Running Club

For information, call Kathy Dalby at 703.836.1463 or email [Kathy@runpacers.com](mailto:Kathy@runpacers.com)

September 24-27

**3rd Annual Alexandria Film Festival**

George Washington Memorial Masonic Temple, 101 Callahan Dr.

Sponsor: Alexandria Commission for the Arts

For information, call the Alexandria Commission of the Arts at 703.838.6348 or visit [alexandriafilm.org](http://alexandriafilm.org)

September 27

**Dash For Dad! 10K to Fight Prostrate Cancer**

Eisenhower Avenue/ 206 Swamp Fox Rd /AMC Theater Parking Lot at 8am

Sponsor: National Prostrate Cancer Coalition

For information, call Tracy Amish at 202.303.3111 or email [tracy@zerocancer.org](mailto:tracy@zerocancer.org)

September 28

**World Rabies Day**

Ben Brenman Park, 4800 Ben Brenman Park Dr. from 9 am–1 pm

Sponsor: Alexandria Health Department

For information, call Holly Feltner at 703.838.4400 ext 326 or email [holly.feltner@vdh.virginia.gov](mailto:holly.feltner@vdh.virginia.gov)

**FARMERS' MARKETS**

**West End Farmers' Market**

The West End Farmers' Market is open to the public on Sundays through November 22 from 9 am to 1 pm at Ben Brenman Park, located at 4800 Brenman Park Drive.

**Upper King Street Fresh Farmers' Market**

The Upper King Street Fresh Farmers' Market is open to the public on Wednesdays through October 28 from 3-7 p.m. This weekday farmers' market in Historic Old Town Alexandria is located at the King Street Garden's Park, 1806 King St., just a few steps from the King Street Metro Station.

**OUT OF SCHOOL TIME PROGRAM**

Registration for the Out of School Time Program for the 2009-2010 School Year is currently open for children youth ages 5 (enrolled in Kindergarten) -12, and Preteens and Teens in grades 6 – 8. The Out of School Time Program operates at the seven neighborhood recreation centers and five school sites (John Adams, Douglas MacArthur, Durant/Houston, George Washington Middle School, and Francis C. Hammond Middle School). Beginning this fall, participants will be charged a \$25 activity fee per semester (Fall, Winter/Spring, and Summer). A Fee Assistance Program is available for eligible families. To register, visit your neighborhood recreation center. Click [here](#) for a list of neighborhood recreation centers. For additional information, call Recreation Services at 703.746.4343.

## **ARTS IN ALEXANDRIA**

September 10

Alexandria Arts Forum Meeting

Durant Center, 1605 Cameron St. from 1 - 2:30 pm

For information, call 703.519.3494.

### **Alexandria Commission for the Arts Seeks Nominations for the 2009 Alex Arts Awards**

The Alexandria Commission for the Arts is seeking nominations for the 2009 Alex Arts Awards. The program recognizes individuals, organizations, schools, and businesses that have made exceptional contributions to cultural life in the City of Alexandria. All nominations must be submitted to the Commission's office at the Dr. Oswald Durant Memorial Center, 1605 Cameron St. by 4 p.m. on Friday, September 25. To receive a nomination form or to request further information, call the Commission's office at 703.838.6348, email [aca@alexandriava.gov](mailto:aca@alexandriava.gov) or visit [AlexandriaCommissionForTheArts.org](http://AlexandriaCommissionForTheArts.org).

### **Call for Artists Announced for Charles Hamilton Houston Memorial**

The City of Alexandria is announcing a Call for Artists for the Charles Hamilton Houston Memorial, which will be located at the Charles Houston Recreation Center, 901 Wythe St. The City will conduct the search for qualified applicants through a Request for Qualifications (RFQ). The anticipated installation date of the Charles Hamilton Houston Memorial is April 2011. The purpose of the project is to honor and memorialize Charles Houston and to recognize the historical importance of the former Parker-Gray High School, Alexandria's first African-American high school. The project's overarching theme is education and civil rights. For additional information, call Alisa Carrel at 703.746.4343.

### **Grant Workshops Scheduled for On-Line Grant Applications for Fiscal Year 2009-2010**

The Alexandria Commission for the Arts will conduct two grant workshops Monday, September 14 and Wednesday, October 7 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Dr. Oswald D. Durant Center, 1605 Cameron St. The workshops will provide information about the Commission's annual grant program, which provides funding to non-profit arts organizations for various arts programs, and instructions for the on-line grant application process. All applicants, including past grant recipients, are strongly encouraged to attend one of the grant workshops. For more information, visit [alexandriacommissionthearts.org](http://alexandriacommissionthearts.org) and [alexandriava.gov/arts](http://alexandriava.gov/arts).

### **Competition to Select an Artist and Design for the Police Memorial**

The Alexandria Police Memorial will be an integral part of the new Alexandria Police Department Headquarters scheduled to open in the fall of 2011 on Wheeler Ave. The City of Alexandria is conducting a competition to select an artist and design. The Memorial is intended to recognize the service of Alexandria police officers to their community. The artwork will focus on the honor, integrity and sacrifice of Alexandria's fallen officers and will convey a message of appreciation and remembrance rather than loss and sorrow. A Selection Panel representing a cross-section of Police groups and artists/

design professionals has been formed to guide the public art process.

The Alexandria Police Foundation is assisting in the effort to raise private funds to construct the Memorial. To contribute to the Alexandria Police Memorial, please send your check in any amount to:

Alexandria Police Foundation -Police Memorial c/o Burke & Herbert Bank & Trust Co.  
Attention: C.K. Collum, Jr., Treasurer  
P.O. Box 268 Alexandria, VA 22313

Checks should be made payable to the Alexandria Police Foundation.

## **YOUTH SPORTS**

### **Coaches Needed**

The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities is currently seeking volunteers to coach youth Volleyball, Cheerleading, Basketball, Baseball and Softball. Criminal History background checks are required. Interested persons should call the Youth Sports Office at 703.746.4343.

### **Youth Cheerleading Program (Ages 5-16)**

Learn the basic cheerleading skills and techniques. Teams are formed at the neighborhood recreation and afterschool centers in the developmental, junior varsity and varsity levels. Age is determined by the age of the participant as of April 30, 2010. Registration is open August 1 through September 7. Nominal charges will be assessed. For additional information, call 703.746.4343 or your neighborhood recreation center.

### **Youth Boys & Girls Volleyball Leagues (Ages 10-14)**

Boy's and Girl's leagues are designed to develop the basic fundamentals and further the development of the skilled players. Teams will be formed based on the number of participants registered and by experience. Practice and games begin in September. League age is determined by the age of the participant as of December 31, 2009. Registration is open August 1 through September 7. Registration fee is \$25. For additional information, call 703.746.4343.

September 26

### **Annual Cheerleading Clinic**

GW Middle School, 1005 Mount Vernon Ave from 9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
For additional information, call 703.746.4343.

## **COMMISSION & COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

All commission and committee meetings are open to the public. For additional information, call 703.746.4343.

September 8

### **Alexandria Beautification Commission, 7:30 pm**

Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson St.

September 15

### **Alexandria Waterfront Committee, 7:30 am**

Lee Center 1108 Jefferson St.

September 15

**Commission for the Arts, 7 pm**  
Durant Center, 1605 Cameron St.

September 17

**Park and Recreation Commission, 7:30 pm**  
Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson St.

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